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MORE FIREWORKS ARE EXPLODED

RAINIER REVIEW IN ITS LAST APPEAL GETS PERSONAL

CALLS ST. HELENS A DUNG-HILL

Tirade of Abuse, Directed at "County" Attorney, for Personal Revenge

Candidate A. L. Clark told the people of Warren at their meeting last night that he favored the road from Warren to Columbia City following the present road through St. Helens. Now do you fellows over at Houlton think you have been misled? Think it over.

In a great display of fire works and pyrotechnic display the Rainier Review comes and says the Mist has again proven itself to be unworthy of belief when it says there are 94 out of a hundred and one names on Glen R. Metaker's petition from Rainier. The actual facts of this petition are that when the petition was filed by Mr. Metaker there were 101 names on it and out of that 101 there were 97 from Rainier. The petition is on file in the Clerk's office and any body may go and see it. However several days after filing the petition and in the fear that the people would see that it was really a Rainier ticket, Metaker had another petition left with the County Clerk containing more names, but the facts remain that the original petition as filed with the clerk was as stated in the Mist. Who is trying to mislead the people, The Mist, the Review or Mr. Metaker?

Then the Review goes on at great length and says that even our own dung-hill, probably referring to St. Helens, which is the way the Review and some others of its kind, have of expressing their feeling towards our city, was represented at the convention at Rainier. Inquiry has been made from people who were in Rainier that day and we find that St. Helens, the dung-hill, was represented by a great representation consisting of Glen Roy Metaker, who was there for the purpose of getting a nomination for District Attorney. There were one or two people who live on the dung-hill down to Rainier that day but not as delegates to the convention. To cap the climax the Review comes out in a tirade against the "County" attorney office and its conduct by Mr. Dillard. It cites the Sharp case again and says it has made an investigation of that case. It attempts to prove that because the man Sharp has been arrested at Kalama since leaving St. Helens, that Mr. Dillard was corrupt and derelict in his duties because the father of the girl in the case refused to sign a complaint and decided that it would be impossible to secure a conviction under the circumstances. It seems to people who really know the circumstances that the Review is going a long way out of its way to prove some misconduct on the part of Mr. Dillard in order to satisfy a personal grudge of the editor of the Review against Mr. Dillard. THERE HAS NOT BEEN A SINGLE CHARGE AGAINST MR. DILLARD THAT WOULD WARRANT THE PEOPLE IN RECALLING HIM, except to give the job to another man. That is the whole sum and substance of the recall of the District Attorney, and we want to ask the people of Columbia County here and now whether they consider a man who pays \$483 taxes into the County and who is largely interested in the economical conduct of the affairs of the County, as does Mr. Dillard, more capable of looking after the interests of the tax payers than one who pays the magnificent sum of \$3.70 taxes into the County and who only wants the office for the salary that is attached to it and who has already stated that he will prosecute every trivial and frivolous case that is brought to his attention, as does and has Mr. Metaker?

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS ENTERTAIN VISITORS

Big Gathering of Lodge Mem- bers in St. Helens Tuesday

About two hundred members of the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters lodges of Ridgefield and St. Helens, with some invited friends, assembled at the I. O. O. F. Hall in St. Helens last Tuesday night. Nearly 100 of the crowd were visitors from the lodges at Ridgefield on their annual visit to St. Helens in return for the visit made to Ridgefield by the local Knights during strawberry time. At 8 o'clock the meeting was called to order by M. E. Miller who briefly welcomed the visitors and E. A. Blackmore responded in behalf of the visitors. The orchestra, consisting of Merle Wilson, Fred Morgus, Oswald Deming and Bessie Peters, rendered several selections, and Miss Susie Ketel delighted the people with one of her songs and responded to a most hearty encore. The male chorus of Ridgefield was one of the most entertaining numbers on the program in two well rendered selections. Rev. Mr. McMurray of Ridgefield made a fraternal talk interspersed with humorous anecdotes which was heartily appreciated. Mrs. Williams of Ridgefield captivated the audience with a beautiful solo and the ladies quartette of Ridgefield received hearty applause after singing an appropriate song. Mrs. E. B. Wood of St. Helens closed the musical program with a piano solo which was so well executed that she was compelled to respond to an encore. As a fitting climax to the entire program of the evening Billy Fullerton made a speech: nuf' sed.

At 10 o'clock the entire crowd became the guests of Mr. P. T. Evans of the Columbia Theatre to witness a six reel feature at this popular picture house after which the tables in the banquet room were spread and the visitors and home folks were treated to a Clam Chowder banquet, prepared by the Lodge Chef Fullerton ably assisted by Martin White, Bert Stone, Holly Cronkite and others.

CONTRIBUTED, BUT VERY APPROPRIATE

One Glen Roy Metaker, the front attachment of whose ancestral cognomen appears to have been constructed more for beauty and euphony, than for Teutonic solidity and vigor, has discovered himself, and lest he waste all his statemanship on the desert air and forego the pleasure of sacrificing his commanding talents for the good of the people, has announced himself as a candidate on the Recall ticket, for District Attorney.

Glen Roy, we understand, is late of Seattle, late of Alaska, late of Washington, D. C., late of California, late of most every place but has consented to abide for a time at St. Helens, that the people of Columbia County may have the benefit of his intelligence, he having run a corner on that commodity, and now owning a majority of the stock.

Albert, Glen Roy wishes it distinctly understood that while he has no political apish buzzing in his tam-o-shanter, while its cerebrum is not filled to overflowing with office holding bacilli—yet he may by no means ignore or refuse the trifling stipend which is attached to the office by way of salary.

Then, too, Glen Roy wishes it to be further understood that he will be Johnie on the Spot morning, noon and night. That there will be, in the classic pulpit vernacular of Sam Jones, "blood and hair and the ground tore up". That he will fill the jails and the penitentiary so full that there will not be enough left for jury duty. That he will make sin a matter of history, and bring to pass the millennium. For location and activity Glen Roy is highly suggestive of the tail of a billy goat. God save Glen Roy.

The taxes of the Columbia Herald amounting to \$7.96 are delinquent. The Sheriff will soon advertise and sell the property unless paid. This is the kind of a yellow sheet that is howling about the tax payer's rights. Great influence such a rag will have isn't it?

PREJUDICED MAN MAKES INVESTIGATION

Col. Reeves, Representing 15 Per Cent of Taxes of County Reports

COMPLIMENTS PRESENT CO. COURT OFFICERS

Coming to the County Unknown and Prejudiced He Tells What He Has Actually Found

The allied timber interests of Columbia County, who pays from 15 to 20 per cent of the taxes of Columbia County and who had heard of the recall movement in this County, took in upon themselves to make an investigation. They sent Col. C. R. Reeves, their attorney and a timber owner to the County, unknown to any one, the Court or the recallers. He spent two weeks at his own expense in the matter of checking up the work of the State Highway Engineer and the proceedings of the County Court. He came to this county after having heard the charges of corruption and mismanagement of the Court, strongly prejudiced against the Court and his instructions from the people who are so vitally interested in the conduct of the affairs of the County, were to make an investigation and if he should find that the charges against the Court were true in any particular that he should use every effort to oust them and assist the recallers, but that if he found that the charges were untrue to do what he could toward sustaining them. On Friday he came to St. Helens and while here he made his report to the people who had sent him hers. This report is in the shape of a letter and Col. Reeves consented to give to the Mist a copy of that letter which follows and which needs no explanation. Read it over carefully and then decide whether or not an impartial investigation made by a prejudiced man is worthy of consideration when it comes time for you to cast your ballot. The letter follows:

St. Helens, Ore.
September 18, 1914.

Mr. John Pearson,
Duluth, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I have examined into the facts pertaining to the recall of the County Court. I find the records of the Court to be efficient and unusually good. The only mistake I know of, was in letting a contract upon the report and estimates of the State Highway Engineer.

The contract price, based upon the estimates of the State Highway Engineer, was \$280,751.30. The amount of work, as reported completed up to September 1st, was \$138,062.02, exclusive of engineering services and rights of way. As an illustration of the correctness of the estimates, I would refer to the item of clearing, wherein the Engineer's estimate of light clearing for the entire section was 87.5 acres, of which 67.7 acres have been reported as completed; as to heavy clearing, the Engineer's estimate for the entire section being 32.4 acres, the amount completed as per estimates to September 1st was 122.37 acres, making the total number of acres cleared as per estimate of engineers, 119.9 acres. There has already been cleared 190.13 acres.

The County Court's record is honest and efficient, and I consider it an outrage upon American citizenship for the tax payers to use or listen to the misrepresentations made to them to support the recall. They can search Columbia County from one end to the other, for men, and they will not receive such efficient service.

I am glad to advise you that your interests are paying approximately 15 per cent of the total taxes of this County, and that the funds paid into the County are receiving good care and careful expenditure. If they cannot rely upon the State Highway Engineer's estimate, which they have found they cannot do, it would be folly to condemn them for relying upon that report, as any reasonable, prudent man would have done the same thing. I think that the County Court's idea of developing the County and to build roads so that the producer may get his products to the market, instead of complying with the dreams of Automobile Clubs of the larger cities will eventually develop Columbia County into a producing County, instead of one with broad boulevards for pleasure riding.

After an impartial investigation, I most earnestly recommend that it is to the best interests of all property owners of Columbia County to sustain the present County Court. I wish to state that I went into this examination a little prejudiced against the County Court from hearsay, that I am not acquainted with either the members of the Highway Commission or the members of the County Court, but after examining into the facts, I have reached this conclusion, that no honest voter of Columbia County, who has the interests of his neighbor or the inhabitants of the County at heart, can vote for this recall.

Yours truly,
C. R. REEVES

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WEDDING OF POP- ULAR YOUNG PEOPLE

Ernest John and Miss Jessie Drew United in Marriage

Miss Jessie Drew and Mr. Ernest John, son of Sheriff C. H. John, were quietly married at a pretty home wedding at the home of the groom's parents on Saturday evening at seven p. m.

The bridal party assembled in the reception room, which was artistically decorated with tall pink hollyhocks, for the ceremony which was performed by the Rev. F. J. Meyer, tiny Helen Farris acted as ring bearer.

After the ceremony the guests who were the immediate families of the bride and groom, were seated at two beautiful dining tables for the wedding supper.

In the center of the large dining table was an exquisite basket of pink roses from St. Helens gardens which would have graced a June garden.

The center piece in the living room was a graceful basket of sweet peas. The bonbonniere were dainty lace baskets.

The substantial and beautiful wedding gifts attest the popularity of the bride and groom.

Mr. and Mrs. John left on the nine o'clock train the evening of the wedding, being escorted as far as Scappoose by numerous young friends and have now returned and are keeping house.

The guests invited to the wedding were Mrs. James Drew, Miss Ethel Drew, Mr. Jimmie Drew, Mr. and Mrs. William Muckle, Edgar and James Muckle, Miss Beryl Muckle, Helen Farris and Rev. and Mrs. F. J. Meyer.

Friday evening after the regular business meeting of the Artisan Lodge in this city the members were asked to walk around by way of the Oradiah Hotel on their way home and on arriving there found that a surprise had been prepared for the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest V. John, consisting of a banquet. Mr. John is the Master Artisan of the lodge and Mrs. John is the Inspector. Arriving at the hotel the Artisans were taken into the dining room where Mrs. Isabister had the tables laid with plates laid for 34 and in the center of the table was a large wedding cake which had been prepared by Mrs. Adams of the Scappoose lodge of Artisans. During the banquet festivities several short addresses were made expressive of the esteem in which the young married people are held by numbers of their lodge and then Rev. Mr. Meyer presented to Mr. and Mrs. John a beautiful buffet, the wedding present of the lodge and of Williams & Hall, employers of Mr. John. This present was the joint gift of the lodge and Williams & Hall and it completely surprised the young folks.

PROGRAM OF SPORTS FOR THE FAIR

A program of sports for the last two days of the County Fair have been arranged as below. These will be held on the ball field in front of grand stand so that everyone may see and will be free to everyone attending the fair on these days. Prizes will be given the winners.

An exhibition of broncho riding will be given on the last day if the management is able to secure a horse wild enough. These sports are given for the purpose of amusing the crowd and everyone is expected to enter into the spirit of the occasion and if possible, take part.

Thursday afternoon, 3:00 p. m.
50 yards Boys race, 11 yrs or under.
50 yards Girls race, 11 yrs or under.
100y ards free for All.
Running High Jump.
Pole Vault.
Boys Potatoe race, under 15 years.
Girls Potatoe race, under 15 years.
Sack Race.
Relay Race.

Friday afternoon, 3:00 p. m.
Boxing Match.
Ladder Climbing Contest.
Boxing Match.
Ladder Contest, against building.
Water Fight, Fire Department.
Tug-of-war, Farmers vs Towns.

Stamped linen for embroidery at
Noah's Ark.

MR. CLARK MAKES A SPEECH

CANDIDATE SAYS HE DON'T KNOW WHETH- ER CHARGES ARE FALSE OR TRUE

FAVORS THE ST. HELENS ROAD

In Answer to Questions He Admits He Knows Very Little of Actual Con- ditions

A meeting of the tax payers association of Warren was held Friday night at Warren at which time Mr. A. L. Clark, candidate for County Judge on the recall ticket, was the principal speaker. Mr. Clark made known why he was running for County Judge. He told the people that he did not know whether the charges contained in the recall petitions were true or not as he had made no investigation as to their truth or falsity. He admitted that he was running on a platform which, so far as he knew, was groundless and false. When asked why he was a candidate and why the recall election had been called, he gave as the reason that there was general dissatisfaction with the action of the County Court, because they would not turn over to the State Highway Engineer the \$315,000 bond money to be used on the Columbia River road.

After making the statement that he did not know as to the truth or falsity of the charges in the recall petitions, he was asked by a tax payer of Warren if he had seen the petitions, and he answered NO. That same tax payer visited St. Helens the next day and went to the Court House and there saw Mr. Clark's name ON THE PETITIONS.

Another tax payer of Warren then asked Mr. Clark whether or not he would favor the building of a new road down the west side of the track or would favor the use of the old road down through St. Helens and Mr. Clark stated that he had given the matter no thought and therefore was not in a position to answer it. This answer however failed to satisfy the people and he was pressed for further answer and he again stood up and said I FAVOR THE USE OF THE OLD ROAD ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE TRACK DOWN THROUGH ST. HELENS.

Many other questions were asked Mr. Clark as to why he was running and why the recall had been started and what his policy would be if elected and to all these questions he stated that he was on the outside looking in and did not know what he would do, and the only thing he could say was that if he saw where the State Engineers were making a mistake, as he thought, he would get down on his knees and beg of them to do as he thought was right.

Altogether Mr. Clark showed a lack of knowledge of affairs of the County that was really amazing and he left Warren with very little hopes of getting many votes in that section. On the other hand the condition of the actual affairs, with facts and figures to back them up, were shown to the people of Warren in such a fair and convincing manner that every tax payer and voter present was satisfied that it would be a mistake to turn over to Major Bowby the expenditure of the people's money in the face of the fact that he has made so many gigantic blunders already.

Chas. Olson returned this week from a four months trip to Norway and Sweden. He reports a fine trip until the war started and he wanted to come home when he had all kinds of trouble getting away from Europe.

FOR SALE—30 pigs.
GEO. PERRY,
Houlton, Oregon